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Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$475.00 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2665.

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